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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the application identified in caption as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace page 5, paragraph 2 with:

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An example of BNP is human BNP comprising 32 amino acids and involving the formation of a disulfide bond, like the above-described ANP (Sudoh et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., Vol. 159, p. 1427, 1989) (Seq. ID No. 4). Various BNP's of the origin other than human, such as pig BNP (Seq. ID No. 6) and rat BNP (Seq. ID No. 7), are also known, and can be used similarly. A further example is chicken BNP (Seq. ID No. 8).